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THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 5, 1920

Enthusiasm is that temper of the
mind in which the imagination has
got the better of judgment.
—Warburton.

Sugar Here and Elsewhere

Nobody has yet undertaken to explain why sugar
is higher in the United States than anywhere else
in the world—more than twice as high. More
sugar is produced here than in any other country.
We are also nearer to the Cuban supply than any
other country. The only suggestion that can be made
in explanation of our unfortunate position with re-
spect to sugar is that the government has left us to
the tender mercies of the sugar trust.

Not long ago we mentioned the fact that sugar
was selling in Australia at 7 cents a pound. That is
the price fixed by the Australian government during
the war and it has remained unchanged. The price
was fixed at a time when the sugar producers were
preparing to manipulate it just as the sugar trust
did here.

Some months ago when it was evident that there
was going to be a sugar shortage in this country, it
was proposed to meet it by allowing the United
States Equalization Board to purchase sugar in
Cuba. Our government refused that permission. But
at the same time the English Royal Commission went
into the Cuban market and purchased sugar at 6½
cents a pound.

What reason the government may have had for
withholding the efforts of our equalization board to
purchase Cuban sugar we do not know. No satis-
factory one has been given. The only action taken
by our government to restrict the cupidity of the
sugar trust was to fix the price for sugar delivered
at New York and San Francisco. The price of 14½
cents was fixed for New York; 15 cents for San
Francisco. That was the price to importers. To
that jobbers may attach a small fixed profit and re-
tailers still another.

We doubt very much whether that action of the
government was necessary. We hardly think the
sugar trust with all its hardihood would have dared
to go beyond the figures to which our beneficent
government has limited it.

A year ago the price to importers at those same
points was 9 cents a pound. That was higher than
the figures anywhere else. There was no where a
shortage of the sugar crop last season. Why there-
fore an additional profit of 6 cents a pound should
have been allowed the trust is inconceivable.

Our Undemonstrativeness

Many complaints have reached this office of the
want of enthusiasm with which General Pershing
was greeted by the populace on his recent visit in
Phoenix. As to that we can only say that Phoenix
is distinguished for being undemonstrative. Actors
years ago began to complain of us in this respect.
They mistook our lack of noisy approval for clam-
orousness or disapproval. The fact is we are inclined
to take things, even things out of the ordinary, as
matters of course.

Those who know us best understand this now
and do not expect us to go into ecstasies over any-
thing. Our seeming coldness may be excusable, but
there is another complaint to which we can plead no
excuse, and that is a lack of a proper showing of
respect for the flag.

In the parade of last Friday it was observed
that not one man in ten thought to remove his hat
as the colors passed. Of course no disrespect of the
flag was intended. That is to say, it occurred to no
one that he was lacking in respect. It was just not
thought of at all.

It is strange that we should not have thought of
it when it is so universally recognized that our veneration
for the flag should be shown in this way.

A Time to Think Straight

"A Time to Think Straight" is the title of an
editorial in the current issue of "The Railroad Em-
ployee" in which consideration is given the Plumb
Plan. It may be questioned whether the "plan" in
its present status is worthy of consideration. It
certainly is not so far as the people at large are con-
cerned or so far as concerns the present congress or
any congress in the near future, the instrument by
which the plan might be given effect. The country
is less crazy than it was a few months ago when the
"plan" was promulgated.

Evidently, though, the editorial is addressed only
to the employees and to such working men as have
been misled, for the editor in a foreword says: "In
my opinion the time has come when the genuine
friends of the workingman must address him with
sincerity and without fear."

The proposed plan says the article "is the old
story of choosing between evolution and revolution.
The torch of constructive advance is held in the
hands of the evolutionist who carefully threads the
pathway and casts into the ditch the boulders that
impede progress. The revolutionist dynamites every-
thing in sight, the good and the bad, and then
despairs at the chaos and ruin he has wrought. Into
every system, political, industrial and other, there
creep the enemies that mar broadest usefulness. Cor-
ruption and not destruction is the answer. The or-
chardist does not cut down the trees that yield his
livelihood but he does wage war upon the hurtful
"insect." Cultivation of the good and extermination
of the bad is the story of civilization's advance and
the preservation of every worth while system of
government and economics.

How the operation of the Plumb Plan would

likely affect the railway workers is thus set out:

The heart of the Plumb Plan invites microscopic
investigation. Everybody benefits is the promise.
The public assured lower rates and the employees
higher pay. Most thinking men would stamp this
statement as impossible of achievement. Not a voice
has been raised in the country affirming that in-
creased income has resulted in a decreased cost of
living.

Search for the colored gentleman in the wood-
pile; bring forth the Plumb Plan masterpiece.—The
Three Group Control.

It proposes to make a triple division of a surplus
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productiveness which no longer exists, and which
could not again be created under this plan. It can
only be created under conditions where men of re-
quisite ability receive both compensation and au-
thority comparable to that given to men of equal
ability in other lines of endeavor.

American railroad labor has accomplished much
and deserves much, but its present standard of liv-
ing is just as much the product of the brains and
industry of railroad managers as it is of the daily
output of labor by railroad employees. They will get
nowhere by seeking to ignore this.

If the Plumb Plan were put into effect the only
thing which could prevent rates rising and wages
falling—just the reverse of the promises held forth—
would be a permanent alliance between the public
and the management.

Those of far vision, sensing an ultimate collapse
of the scheme, find its answer written in large let-
ters across the horizon of certainty. A final align-
ment will weld together the two groups, embracing
the public and the managers. The managers to hold
their jobs will have consolidated with the group
representing the public, and the third group, the
classified workers, will find themselves wholly at the
mercy of the other two and without redress.

The man who thinks straight will weigh carefully
the warning signals and not lightly kick away the
props that give him benefits another system denies.

February Sundays

The battle is not always to the strong nor the
race to the swift. Neither does the longest month
always have the most Sundays. This February will
have five, one more than any other month will have,
except May, August and October. This will be the
first time in forty years that February has been
so blessed. It will be twenty-eight years before there
will be another such an outpouring of Sundays on a
February.

In order that February may have five Sundays
it must have twenty-nine days and must begin with
a Sunday. It will therefore end with a Sunday. So
that in any leap year when February gets off right
on the first day of the week it will end right.

Since 1800 there have been five Sunday Febru-
aries, in 1824, in 1852, in 1880 and now. It will be
seen that the five Sunday Februaries have come
every twenty-eight years except between the last
two named dates. Then we would have had five
Sundays in 1908 but for the fact that 1900 being a
centennial year did not happen also to be a leap
year. The machinery was thus thrown out of gear
so that when 1908 came February did not begin
with a Sunday.

Summer has stolen upon the Salt River Valley
unawares.

Secretary Daniels believes that Admiral Sims
was so long engaged in shore duty that he had be-
come unfamiliar with sea duty. The secretary him-
self and the other gentlemen sitting about decks in
Washington could then have hardly been regarded
as experts.

Officers and soldiers in the Austrian army are
not allowed to marry. No man can serve two
masters.

Any senator who objects to a cloture rule at this
juncture ought to be defeated as a waster of time
and a contributor to a national nuisance.

Cotton is king in the Salt River Valley. But the
time is certainly coming when the need of the cow
as queen-consort will be felt. People cannot live on
cotton alone. Ask the cotton-spitters whom we had
with us in the days before prohibition.

If the British are satisfied with the Reservations,
we presume the rest of our late associates are. So
there is nobody opposed to them but the administra-
tion democrats and the Republican irreconcilables.
This is a fact that The Republican suggested some
months ago. We had better ditch both of these ob-
jectors and proceed to ratification.

EXCELSIOR—IN PIDGIN

That night-time begin chop-chop
One young man walkee, no can stop.
Maskee snow, maskee ice,
He cally flag, with chop so nice,
Top-side galow!

He muchee solly—one piece eye,
Look—see sharp—so—all samee, my
He talkee large—talkee stong,
Too muchee curio—allsame gong,
Top-side galow!

Insidie house he can see light,
An evly loom got fire all light,
He looke plenty ice more high,
Insidie month he plenty cly,
Top-side galow!

Ole man talkee "No can walk
By'mby lain come—velly dark,
Have got water, velly wide,
Maskee, my go top-side,
Top-side galow!

"Man—man" one girlee talkee he,
"What for you go top-side look—see?"
And one time more he plenty cly,
But all-time walkee plenty, high,
Top-side galow!

Take care that spoilum thee young man,
Take care that ice. He want man-man,
That cooile chin-chin he "good night,"
He talke "My can go all light,"
Top-side galow!

Joss pigdman he soon begin,
Mornin time that Joss chin-chin,
He no man see him plenty fear;
Coss some man talkee he can hear,
Top-side galow!

That young man die, one large dog see,
Too muchee hobbly, findee he,
He hand belong cold—all same ice,
Have get he flag with chop so nice,
Top-side galow!

Moral—
You too muchee laugh, what for sing,
I tink so you no savvy, that tink,
Supposay you no blong clever inside,
More better you go walk top-side,
Top-side galow!

Key—Maskee: What's the diff and never mind.
Chop-chop—Hurry.
Chop—a mark or insignia.
Man-man—Stop
Joss—Good luck

HOW TO HELP HIM PROPOSE
TRUST HIM, AND LET HIM SEE THAT YOU DO
BUT FIRST BE SURE YOU CAN TRUST HIM

MISS GREELEY'S THIRD LOVE LESSON

BY EVELYN GREELEY

Heroine of a Thousand Film Proposals

"Trustfulness" is one of the most
powerful of woman's weapons when
she goes out to hunt herself a mate.

I know it's not customary to speak
of women hunting a mate, but that is
what we all do, just the same, as Bern-
ard Shaw so well points out.

There is nothing a certain type of
man appreciates so much—nothing
that will so make him think of you as
the "only woman who really under-
stands him"—as simple trustfulness.

You don't want a man you can't
trust. And when you have found the
one you CAN trust, why TRUST HIM,
and let him see that you do.

It is one of the surest ways of
bringing about that meeting of two
minds which results in the "Will you?"
on one side, and the "Yes!" on the
other, that I know of.

A man wants a woman who believes
in him with all her soul, who trusts
him, who simply KNOWS that what
he does and says and thinks is right.
I don't mean by this that women should
overlook all faults, or pretend to them-
selves that the lover in question has
NO faults. But love minimizes faults
and maximizes virtues.

When YOUR man sees that you can
TRUST him, inevitably there will
come into his mind this thought: "This
is the little girl for ME!" And before
you know it, he will ask that "ques-
tion" that both you and he have se-
cretly known he WOULD ask, but
which up till now he hadn't got the
courage to put in words.



Posed by Miss Evelyn Greeley espe-
cially for this lesson.

THE BOYS IN THE OTHER CAR

BY GROVE

HOUNDED BY GOSSIP
DETECTIVES SEEK HIM

N. E. A. Special to The Republican
ST. JOSEPH, Mo.—From gossip,
which for nearly four years has hounded
him, Oscar D. McDaniel fled, months
ago.

With his wife and two children this
man, the most talked-of in the city,
vanished utterly. Detectives now re-
port that he has been traced to a South
American city, but it is doubtful
whether he will ever be brought back
to straighten out the tangled money
matters which wound up his local
career.

Pursued by Memories

Pursuing the McDaniel family are
the memories of an appalling series of
crimes and catastrophes. Before them
all, McDaniel kept his nerve until he
saw his children tortured by the gossip
which their playmates freely repeated,
but which no adult dared voice in Mc-
Daniel's presence.

It was in 1916 that the first Mrs.
McDaniel was found murdered in her
home. McDaniel, then prosecuting at-
torney of Buchanan county, was pitted
by the entire community—until the
gossip began.

Gossip was ugly, and presently a
warrant was issued for McDaniel, and
he was tried on the charge of killing
his wife. Not once did he flinch, and
his complete composure convinced his
little circle of loyal friends that he was
guiltless.

More Gossip Comes

As he was struggling to reinstate
himself, gossip was given ammunition
for another terrific assault on Mc-
Daniel.

Gossip had associated his name for
some time with that of Mrs. Dagmar
Krucker. Her husband killed her, then
turned the gun on himself and died.

McDaniel withstood that storm of
gossip, and started another when he
married the daughter of C. A. Cook,
who had been one of the principal wit-
nesses for the defense in his trial.

The bride and groom, with two chil-
dren by the former marriage, went to
live in the McDaniel home where the
first Mrs. McDaniel had been slain.

McDaniel Home Burns
Gossip apparently could not hurt
them.

One night the dwelling burned, and
McDaniel lowered his wife and children
from an upper window, saving their
lives by a narrow margin.

PLAN FIVE MONTHS' WORK
ON REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

(N. E. A. Special to The Republican)
WASHINGTON.—The drafting of the
republican platform of 1920 is to be a
work of five months—not five days, as
is normally the case—and every in-
dividual or group of individuals with
a worth-while suggestion will have an
opportunity to get their ideas made
into party planks.

Within the next two weeks Chair-
man Will H. Hays of the G. O. P. na-
tional committee will announce a com-
mittee of 50 on "policies and platform."

This committee will be so selected as
to include representatives from every
part of the country, and of all factions
of republicanism.

Open to Suggestion

This committee will set up in busi-
ness at once, with headquarters in
New York. All suggestions of policies
and issues for the republican platform
will be catalogued and all possible in-
formation concerning each gathered,
with arguments both pro and con.
The committee will divide into groups



OSCAR
D.
McDANIEL

to study the multitude of suggestions
expected to come before it, and these
groups will tour the various sections
of the country, holding hearings and
delving around the "grass roots" to
find out just what the rank and file
of voters are most interested in.

When the resolution committee of
work, they say he feels that it will
be the best possible safeguard against
the domination of the resolutions com-
mittee by any ring or clique, when the
actual drafting of the platform is un-
dertaken.

The result, Hays expects, will be a
political platform on which the vast
majority of American voters will feel
they can stand safely.

Some See Side Play

Those who know Hays best, however,
hint that there is something more back
of this committee and its proposed
work. They say he feels that it will
be the best possible safeguard against
the domination of the resolutions com-
mittee by any ring or clique, when the
actual drafting of the platform is un-
dertaken.

The platform, as finally brought out,
with all the information and guidance
that will be given its writers through
this committee, cannot, Hays believes,
be branded as "reactionary" or "stand-
pat," but must stand clearly before the
country as the well-studied program,
embodying the real views and aspira-
tions of all republicans, the nation
over.

PERSONETTE

By NIKSAH
LAURA WILCK

Laura Wilck is very small with a
cherubic face and large tortoise-shell-
rimmed glasses through which she
peers at her clients from behind her
huge desk like a wise young owl. Her
clients are playwrights and writers,
for she is a play broker. And for all
her smallness and youthfulness she is the
most successful one in New York as
she certainly is the most youthful. She
sold 22 plays during the last twelve
months, which is a record breaking
thing for a play broker to do. One of
her clients has six plays now running.
Besides directing a large supply of our
current drama into the proper channels
Miss Wilck sells novels and short
stories and movie scenarios for writers.

The contracts that she makes are
iron-bound and very legal and reassur-
ing to the average writer, who, not as
yet having any head for business, is
himself, is constantly uneasy over the
fact that he could be deprived of his
just deserts and never know the dif-
ference. Hence the eagerness with
which he rushes into Miss Wilck's
sheltering arms in a manner of speak-
ing. Not only does she sell his literary
output, she sees that he gets paid as
much as possible for it. She studied
law at college, and spent some time
doing editorial work on one of the
leading magazines. All of this experi-
ence aids her natural aptitude for suc-
cess in the literary world. She is a
corroborating and strengthening the worried
tribe of scribes.

"I'm almost too busy," she said the
other day, "in spite of the fact that I

QUESTIONS AND
ANSWERS

Q. How many of the present mem-
bers of President Wilson's cabinet were
appointed when the president first took
office? A. S. F.

A. There are today only four men
in the cabinet who were members of it
when first organized seven years ago.
They are Secretaries Daniels, Lane and
Wilson, and Postmaster-General Bur-
leson. Of these, Secretary Lane has
announced his intention to resign from
the cabinet as soon as the president
can arrange to appoint his successor.

Q. What is the increase allowed en-
listed men in the army under the
terms of the military bill now before
congress? S. P.

A. This bill proposes to leave the
pay of the private at \$30, as it is to-
day. The pay of a first-class private
is increased from \$33 to \$39.60; the pay
of a corporal is increased from \$36 to
\$42.20; a line sergeant is increased
from \$38 to \$45.40, while a staff ser-
geant is increased from \$44 to \$52.80.

Q. What is the origin of the ex-
pression "Hobson's choice?" H. W. S.

A. Hobson, who died in 1630, was
the first man in England who hired
out hackney horses. When a man came
for a horse, no matter how many there
were in the stable, he was obliged to
take the one nearest the door. The
man hiring the horse had no choice in
the matter. It was "Hobson's choice."
Q. Will you suggest a good way to
clean a floor mop? M. L. M.

A. To clean a floor mop which has
badly soaked immerse it in a soap
suds, which should be kept at nearly a boiling
temperature. Benzine or turpentine
is also successfully used in removing
oil stains from the mop.

Q. Among the various Protestant re-
ligions in the United States, which
rank first in total membership? L. K.

A. The Methodist denomination
ranks first with 7,125,069, according to
the latest available statistics. The
Baptists are a close second, numbering
6,129,467.

Q. I received a letter with the in-
itials "A. P." written after the date.
What do they stand for? B. C.

A. If they were used in connection
with the date, it is quite possible the
writer facetiously intended them to
stand for "After Prohibition."
Q. Are black and white colors? W.

A. L.

A. Optically, black is wholly devoid
of color, while white contains all the
colors of the spectrum. It is custom-
ary, however, to refer to black and
white as colors, white being the color
of snow, and black the color of coal.

Q. How should the itch be treated?

A. J. A.

A. The Public Health Service says
that a simple but good way to treat
this skin trouble is to rub the body
with powdered sulphur daily for a
week, after taking a hot bath, and also
to sprinkle sulphur between the bed
sheets at night and on the underwear
during the day. The sheets and under-
wear should be changed each day.
A sulphur ointment, composed of two
teaspoonfuls of sulphur and eight table-
spoonfuls of vaseline, is also very good
to rub into the skin, after taking a
hot bath.

Q. Did Great Britain charge the
United States for transporting Ameri-
can troops to France? S. B. H.

A. Great Britain received \$76.24
from the United States government for
each of our soldiers that was trans-
ported to Europe on British vessels.
This sum included food, medical atten-
tion and all other expenses.

Q. Does President Wilson speak any
foreign language? P. J. S.

A. The White House says that he
does not speak any foreign language
but he does read both French and
German.

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any question by writing The Republi-
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the inquirer.)

INGENIOUS

Mrs. Flatbush—Where have you been
till this late hour?
Mr. Flatbush—To the lecture, as I
told you before I went.

"But you wouldn't be at a lecture as
late as this."
"Oh, yes, I would. You see, the lec-
turer stuttered."—Yonkers Statesman.

FUR AUCTION STARTS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 2.—More than
\$4,000,000 worth of fur was sold today
at the opening of a winter auction of
the International Fur Exchange.
Price advances were recorded in vir-
tually every lot sold.

have three assistants. I won't let my
work interfere with my singing lessons
or my French, and I do take time for
horseback riding, but it is a struggle
to keep it from engulfing my life en-
tirely. Especially since I am so keenly
interested in it. And then my clients
depend on me so, not only for business
but for suggestions and consolation,
and advice and moral support gener-
ally. They're always calling me up or
camping on my doorstep. I don't dare
leave town any more even for a few
days. I feel like a mother with a large
helpless family. But I love it. And
the nicest part of it is that I'm mak-
ing lots and lots of money."

THE YOUNG LADY ACROSS THE WAY

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The young lady across the way says
she's glad to read about so much activi-
ty in curb stocks and she supposes the
work of paving the streets that were
neglected during the war will begin as
soon as the weather permits.